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அரசாங்கத்தார் இப்போது பட்ஜெட்டில் ஆலோசனை கூறியிருக்கிறார்கள். நான்காவது பாரத்திலிருந்து ஆறாவது பாரம் வரையில் படிக்கும் மாணவர்களுக்கு அரைச் சம்பளச் சலுகை இருக்கிறது. அந்த அரைச் சம்பளமும் இல்லாமல் செய்யவேண்டுமென்ற யோசனையை இப்பொழுது கவனிப்பதற்கில்லை."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" The problem of backward classes is so big that I think it will be better if the Government prepare a list of forward classes and publish it. Will the Government consider this suggestion."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The task of classifying the people into backward and forward classes is assigned to the Backward Classes Commission. This Government cannot take up that responsibility."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Generally residential scholarships are granted to students who, in the hope of getting scholarship get into the hostel and spend their own money. The Minister, says that an additional allotment has been made only now, that is towards the end of the year. With the limited resources, the Government are not able to sanction all the applications. So may I request the Government to see that students, who get scholarship, get it within three months of the re-opening of colleges? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I shall make the necessary arrangement."

Advance grant to the South Kanara District Board.

* 1096 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a representation, dated 3rd December 1954, from the President, South Kanara District Board, for the sanction of an advance grant of Rs. 2,88,000 to the Board; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) An advance grant of Rs. 50,000 has been sanctioned to the District Board."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" The financial position of district boards is very bad and the salary of the staff is not being paid in time, because they have to carry on with a deficit for a long time. Will the Government constitute immediately a committee to go into the question of deficits of local bodies and take steps to cover the deficits, as local bodies cannot carry on with a deficit like the State or the Central Government? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" There is no need for constituting a committee, as the Government are considering how best the district board could be helped."

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SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is it a fact that the South Kanara District Board is entitled to a grant of Rs. 2,31,242 towards the payment of Dearness Allowance to the staff during the years 1952–53, 1953–54 and 1954–55 and, if so, why was not that grant given? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" We have paid Rs. 50,000 as an advance against the grant."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I request that this question may be taken up to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes."

Opening of rural dispensaries in South Arcot.

* 1098 *Q.*—SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the South Arcot District Board submitted to Government in 1953, a list of places in the district where rural dispensaries might be opened; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The South Arcot District Board and other local bodies were informed that they should see that the provision of every existing subsidised rural dispensary which was kept closed for three months was diverted for opening a rural dispensary in some other suitable place before applying to Government for fresh Government subsides for Rural Medical Practitioners and maternity assistants. In 1954, the Special Officer, the District Board, South Arcot, reported that there was no subsidised rural dispensary remaining closed for three months under the District Board and forwarded proposals for new Government subsidies for Rural Medical Practitioners and maternity assistant. These proposals are under consideration."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over. The hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup has given notice of a motion under rule 40 of the Assembly Rules." 9-30 a.m.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 OF THE MADRAS ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS OF PRODUCERS'-*CUM*-CONSUMERS' SOCIETIES IN MALABAR.

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar are facing a crisis after decontrol and the Government have been taking steps to reorganize them. A question answered on the floor of the House to-day showed that before the Government Co-operative